SUBJECT No. 5.

Introduction of the Village *Panchayet* Court and of the Village Munsiffs' Act.

Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk; M. Venkatakrishniah, Madappa and N. Srikantiah, Mysore City Municipality; H. C. Subba Rae, Hunsur Taluk; Krishnasastri and Somasetti, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Lakshminarasimha Iyengar, Y. S. V. Sabha, Melkote; Lingegowda, Mysore District Board; K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; Hutchvire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; Karebhama Narasimha Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk; D. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board; Malali Venkatramiah, Manjarabad Taluk; Chikramanna, Byregowda, and Doddavembraliah, Kolar Taluk; T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk; and H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Village *Panchayet* Rules and the Village Munsiffs' Act may be introduced. One or two courts may be tried in each taluk.

Reply of Government.—The matter is engaging attention.

SUBJECT No. 6.

The Tank *Panchayet* Bill.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The following defects in the Tank *Panchayet* Bill should be remedied.

(1) It is provided that the village patel should be Chairman of the *panchayet*. Intelligent, competent and literate patels are only rarely found. With an incompetent patel as Chairman the object of the bill will be defeated.

(2) In the malnad taluks, much attention has not yet been paid to the restoration of the minor tanks as natural facilities such as jungle streams exist to ensure a proper supply of water. If the restoration of such tanks is taken up, the burden imposed on the ryots may be too onerous to bear.

Also, before the bill is passed into law, the actual condition of each tank, the date of its previous restoration, the period during which it has been lying in disrepair and the probable cost of its restoration should be ascertained. The condition of the ryots below each tank and the extent to which they can bear the cost of the restoration of the tank and the portion to be borne by Government must be settled by responsible local officers after due enquiry, and necessary steps should be taken in accordance with the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner for the restoration of each tank. After all the tanks have been thus restored, rules may be framed for their proper up-keep.

Simultaneously with the restoration of the tanks in the above-mentioned manner, the present *atchkat* registers of tanks should be thoroughly revised and brought up to date.